

MY GARDEN AND WHAT TO GROW

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The Gardener's problems recur with the seasons and what we say, or ought to say, in October this year is much the same as for the same month last year. We have just been reading a paragraph from the last October number and we think it will bear repeating, so we give it here.

If you have read carefully our notes for August and September, there will be very little to add this month. Time is passing, the season is advancing and the weather is warming up. Now we will soon have to contend with heat and drought and most troubles arising out of cold and damp conditions will disappear. Not that the gardener's lot will be any easier. We can not promise that. He always has plenty of difficulties to overcome. There are difficulties at every season, but then, we always think that that is why the gardener has been able to accomplish so much. It is these very difficulties that compel him to be incessantly on the watch and thus to be prepared and always well in advance of the work that must be done to-morrow in order to overcome all obstacles and go on to success, and if gardening is tackled in this spirit success is sure to follow.

THE VEGETABLE GARDEN.

In this department you may continue sowing all kinds recommended last month but you will probably sow more beans and less peas from now on because Beans are essentially a summer crop and Peas are not. Yet it is possible to have Peas at Christmas and Beans as late as June. Don't forget the Lima Beans. If you once get the flavour of this delicacy you will sow them every summer. Sword Beans are a novelty, but well worth trying. They give a monster pod up to 12 inches in length and broad in proportion.

Legumens.—All varieties of Peas may be sown, but the Dwarf varieties such as "American Wonder" and "Little Gem" are usually omitted at this time. Cowpeas of all varieties, and Dwarf Beans, Sugar Beans, Runner Beans, Lima Beans, etc., may all be sown now.

Roots.—Beet, Carrots, Parsnips, Radishes and Turnips of all varieties may be sown now. Onions may also be sown, especially for Spring Onions or for Pickling Onions, and for these purposes an early variety should be chosen. Yellow Bermuda is just the variety to use. Leek, Salsify and Scorzoneria may also be sown this month.

Brassicas.—Early maturing varieties of Cabbage should be used, such as "Early Jersey Wakefield," "Enfield Market," "Dark Red Early Dutch," and "Winningstadt Early," also the "Dwarf Early" Savoy Cabbage. Garden Kale may be sown now, and, in fact, at all seasons, also Kohl Rabi (Knol Kool).

Cucurbits.—All these are planted from September onward. Calabashes are an excellent vegetable if taken while quite young and they are easily grown. They may be sown now. Cucumbers of all varieties may be sown now, and sowings may be continued for several months. Musk Melons, Water Melons, Pumpkins, Squash and Vegetable Marrow—all these may be sown in October. All Cucurbits like deeply worked soil so that their

roots may penetrate to the lower levels for moisture and for protection from the great summer heat. That is why they will stand more drought than many other crops. This applies less to the Cucumbers, Marrows and Squash than to others because their crops are grown more rapidly and no doubt the roots are unable to reach a great depth in so short a time. For this reason they may need more irrigation than the Melons.

Seed Potatoes.—Imported seed is sold out at the time of writing these notes, but another shipment of **French Early Rose** and **Up-To-Date** is on the way and may reach us before the month is out. At the moment we are unable to quote exact prices but will probably be able to do so shortly.

VEGETABLE TRANSPLANTS.

	Per 100	1000
Beet , Flat Egyptian	1/3	10/6
„ Starke's Improved Globe	1/3	10/6
„ Spinach, Yellow Cutting	1/3	10/6
Broccoli , White Mammoth	2/-	
Brussels Sprouts	2/-	
Cabbage , Cape Spitzkool	1/3	10/6
„ Cape Sugarloaf	1/3	10/6
„ Early Jersey Wakefield	1/3	10/6
„ Large Oxheart	1/3	10/6
„ Large Red Drumhead	1/3	10/6
„ Robinson's Ch. Drumhead	1/3	10/6
„ Warner's Drumhead	1/3	10/6
„ Dwarf Early Savoy	1/3	10/6
Cauliflower , Italian Giant	1/9	15/-
Cape Gooseberries , 2/6 dozen.	15/-	
Celery , Solid White, 6d. dozen	2/6	
Kale , Curled Garden	1/3	10/6
„ Thousand Headed	1/3	10/6
„ Chou Moellier	1/3	10/6
Kohl-Rabi , Purple and White	1/3	10/6
Lettuce , Giant Crystal Head	1/3	10/6
„ Australian Brittle Ice	2/-	
„ Curled Neapolitan	1/3	10/6
Leek , Large Flag	1/3	10/6
Mangold , Long Red	1/3	8/6
„ Yellow Globe	1/3	8/6
Onion , Cape Straw-Coloured	1/3	8/6
„ Crystal Wax	1/3	8/6
„ Danvers Yellow Globe	1/3	8/6
„ Early Blood Red	1/3	8/6
„ Brown Spanish	1/3	8/6
„ Early Flat Yellow Cape	1/3	8/6
„ White Queen	1/3	8/6
„ Yellow Bermuda	1/3	8/6
Parsley , Plain and Curled, 6d. dozen.	2/6	
Pepper , Sweet Spanish, 1/- dozen.		
„ Woodside Pyramid, 1/- dozen.		
Marjoram and Thyme , 3/- dozen.		
Peppermint , 1/6 dozen.		
Mint , 1/- dozen.		
Spinach , New Zealand, 6d. dozen.		
Tomatoes.		

Yellow Pear, Red Pear, President Garfield, } All at 1/- doz.,
Ponderosa, Wood's Improved Beauty ... } 5/- 100

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Last month we recommended the sowing of Spring Annuals and you may continue sowing the same this month, but if you have not already sown and wish to catch up you can take advantage of the excellent list of bedding plants offered this month.

Chrysanthemums.—Our new catalogue has been issued in the interval since publication of our last number and no doubt you have received a copy. If not, please ask for one, it is a comprehensive list including all the best varieties.

Seeds to Sow.—Where conditions are favourable you may sow in September the following seeds:—Asters, Adonis Flos, Ageratum, Begonia, Balsam, Calendula, Candytuft, Celosia, Clarkia, Cockscomb, Convolvulus, Coreopsis, Cosmos, Dahlia, Dianthus, Dimorphotheca, Eschscholtzia, Gaillardia, Gerbera, Gilia, Globe Amaranth, Gloxinia, Godetia, Gypsophila, Hunnemannia, Kennedya, Larkspur, Lathyrus latifolius, Linum, Linaria, Lobelia, Lupinus, Lychnis, Malcolmia, Marigold, Mignonette, Nasturtium, Nemesia, Pentstemon, Petunia, Phlox, Poppy, Portulaca, Pyrethrum, Salpiglossis, Scabious, Statice, Sunflower, Sweet William, Sweet Sultan, Sweet Peas (Summer Flowering), Swainsonia, Valerian, Violet, Virginian Stock, Wallflower and Zinnia.

BEDDING PLANTS.

			Per doz.
Asters,	Tall Comet, Mixed	...	1/-
„	Late Branching Mixed	...	1/-
„	Dwarf Chrysanthemum-Flowered,		
	Dark Lilac		1/3
„	do.	Bright Rose	1/3
„	do.	Delicate Rose	1/3
„	do.	White Perfection	1/3
„	Single, "General Joffre"	...	1/3
„	Victoria, White	...	1/-
„	Tall Comet, White	...	1/-
„	Chrysanthemum-Flowered, Dark Violet	...	1/3
„	Ostrich Plume, Salmon Pink	...	1/3
„	Ostrich Plume, Mauve	...	1/3
Antirrhinums,	Mixed	...	1/-
„	Bonfire	...	1/6
„	Cerise King	...	1/6
„	Crimson King	...	1/6
„	Delila	...	1/6
„	Fairy Queen	...	1/6
„	Firefly	...	1/6
„	Henry IV.	...	1/6
„	Orange Beauty	...	1/6
„	Queen of the North	...	1/6
„	Queen Victoria	...	1/6
„	Rose Dore	...	1/6
„	Roseum	...	1/6
„	Ruby	...	1/6
„	Torchlight	...	1/6
„	Yellow King	...	1/6
„	Venus	...	1/6

Bedding Plants (con.)				Per doz.
Balsam, Camellia-Flowered	...	...	...	1/-
Carnations, Mixed	...	...	...	1/-
„ Margaret (Malmaison)	...	...	...	2/6
Dahlia, Collarette, Seedlings	...	...	...	3/6
Dianthus, Double, Mixed	...	...	...	1/-
„ Heddewigii (Japanese Pinks)	...	...	...	1/-
Godetia, Lady Albermarle	...	...	...	1/6
Gypsophila, White	...	...	...	1/-
Larkspur, Mixed	...	...	...	1/-
Gazania Pinnata	...	...	...	2/-
Lobelia, Cardinalis Hybrids	...	...	...	2/-
„ Compacta	...	...	...	1/-
Lychnis Chalcedonica, "Salmon Queen"	...	...	...	2/-
Marigold, African, Double	...	...	...	1/-
„ French, Striped	...	...	...	1/-
Pentstemons, Large-Flowered	...	...	...	2/6
Pinks, Semperflorens, Perpetual-Flowering	...	...	...	2/6
Picotees, Choice Mixed	...	...	...	1/6
Pansy, Masterpiece	...	...	...	1/-
„ Variegated Striped	...	...	...	1/-
„ Large Stained	...	...	...	1/-
„ Trimardeau, Mixed	...	...	...	1/-
Petunia, Mixed	...	...	...	1/6
„ Choicest Strains	...	...	...	2/6
Phlox Drummondii Cuspidata, Mixed	...	...	...	1/-
„ Drummondii Mixed	...	...	...	1/-
Salpiglossis, Large Flowered, Mixed	...	...	...	1/-
„ Emperor	...	...	...	1/-
Salvia, Scarlet Flowering Sage	...	...	...	5/-
Schizanthus, Mixed	...	...	...	1/-
Sweet William, Auricula-Eyed	...	...	...	1/-
Wallflower, Single Mixed	...	...	...	1/-
„ Double Mixed	...	...	...	1/-
Zinnia Elegans, Robusta Plenissima, Mixed	...	...	...	1/-
„ „ Robusta Plenissima, in separate colours, White, Scarlet, Crimson, Golden Yellow, Purple and Flesh	...	...	...	1/3

MICHAELMAS DAISIES.

	each	doz.
Feltham Blue, a full toned blue	6d.	4/6
Lady Lloyd, rose pink	6d.	4/6
Mrs. H. Morris, deep rosy red	6d.	4/6
Small White	...	1/-
Small Mauve	...	1/-

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